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Location: Lake Superior near the shores of Isle Royale
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Date of
Construction: 1893 (Built originally as the WILLIAM H. GATWICK)
1924 (wrecked at Isle Royale in Siskiwit Bay)

Type of
Structure: Steam-Powered Package Freighter

Use: Cargo (now Archeological and Recreational)

Designer/
Engineer:

Fabricator/
Builder: F.W. Wheller and Company, West Bay City, Michigan

Owner: Federal Government
(Formerly Midland Shipbuilding Company)

Significance:

The shipwrecks located within the archipelago of Isle Royale represent many types and stages of the development of maritime steam technology. Vessel types include passenger steamers, bulk, and package freighters of both wood and steel hulls. The subarctic environment of Lake Superior has preserved much of the wrecks structure and cargo, which makes for ideal research conditions.

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